

Old Governor Lazarus Powell Residence
Henderson, Kentucky

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Historic American Buildings Survey
G. M. Grimes, District Officer
304 Martin Brown Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Name of structure: Old Governor Lazarus Powell Residence

Location: Henderson, Henderson County, Kentucky

Owner or
custodian: Mrs. Alexander Blair

Address: Henderson, Henderson County, Kentucky

Date built:
(approx) 1818, original part; addition built later.

Architect
or builder:

Present
condition: Good

Number of
stories: Two stories

Material used
in construction: Foundation: Brick.
Exterior walls: Original part: frame,
weatherboards. Addition, brick.
Interior partitions: Frame, plastered.
Floors: Wood, random width, ash.
Roof: Frame construction, covered with
shingles and standing seam metal.

Description:
architectural
and historical Quoting Miss Susan Starling Towles,
Henderson, Kentucky:

"Home of Gov. Lazarus Powell was built in 1818, by Lazarus Powell, father of the Governor. Added to by the latter; doors with butterfly hinges, some with coat of arms of King George of England; handwrought lumber put together with pegs. Center of early hospitality".

"The addition to the house was built by Governor Powell, the two rooms on the first floor used by him for offices. The first floor of this addition is approximately twenty-one inches above the floor of the original part.

Quoting Collins History of Kentucky, Vol. II,
pages 680 and 681:

"Powell County, the one hundred and first formed in Kentucky, was established in 1852, out of parts of Montgomery, Clark, and Estill, and named in honor of Lazarus W. Powell, then governor of the State".

"Lazarus W. Powell, in honor of whom this county was named, was born in Henderson County, Kentucky, October 6, 1812. He graduated at St. Joseph's College, Bardstown, in 1833; studied law with Hon. John Rowan, and subsequently attended a course of law lectures at Transylvania University. Accumulated a fortune by his profession. Was elected to the State Legislature in 1836; Democratic district elector in the Presidential canvass of 1844; defeated for Governor of Kentucky by Hon. Jno. J. Crittenden, the Whig candidate, in 1848. Elected Governor in 1851, and inaugurated September 5th of that year. ****"

"He died, at his home in his native county, on July 3, 1867."

G. M. Grimes

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